

public memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the SunUte Recreation Center in Ignacio.

Donations honoring Mr. Burch should be made to the Leonard Burch Scholarship Fund, PO Box 2717, Durango CO 81302 or to the American Heart Association.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, I urge passage of this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5051.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ADAM G. KINSER POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4807) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Sacramento Street in Rio Vista, California, as the "Adam G. Kinser Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4807

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. ADAM G. KINSER POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Sacramento Street in Rio Vista, California, shall be known and designated as the "Adam G. Kinser Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Adam G. Kinser Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 4807, the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4807 that would establish the Adam G. Kinser Post Office. I congratulate the gentleman from California (Mr. OSE)

for introducing this bill and for securing the cosponsorship of the entire 53-Member delegation from California to comply with Committee on Government Reform policy.

All Americans mourn the loss of those who die in the service of their country in the Armed Services. Brave, dedicated 21-year-old Specialist Adam Kinser was one of these tremendous Americans. Adam proudly fought for his country in Afghanistan as part of the war on global terror.

In his senior year of high school, Adam felt a calling to serve his country and enlisted in the Army Reserves. In July 2003, the Army sent Specialist Kinser to Afghanistan as part of the Army Reserves' 304th Psychological Operations Company. On January 29, 2004, Kinser and eight fellow soldiers were working near a weapons cache in Ghanzi, 60 miles southwest of Kabul, when an explosion took the life of all nine men.

Mr. Speaker, Adam Kinser was a loving son and brother, dedicated student athlete, husband, and father. He was, in short, an American hero. The House joins with the community of Rio Vista and the family of Adam G. Kinser in grieving the loss of their beloved star student athlete. This post office will forever commemorate Adam's sacrifice to his grateful Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join with my colleague in consideration of H.R. 4807, legislation naming the U.S. postal facility in Rio Vista, California, after Adam Kinser.

This measure, which was introduced by the gentleman from California (Mr. OSE) on July 9, 2004, was unanimously reported by our committee on September 15, 2004. H.R. 4807 enjoys the support and cosponsorship of the entire California delegation.

Adam Kinser, a native of Rio Vista, California, joined the United States Army Reserve during his senior year of high school. A high school football player and hardworking member of his family's business, Adam was no stranger to hard work and dedication. He served with the 304th Psychological Operations Company, U.S. Army Reserve, based in Sacramento, California.

Last summer, Specialist Kinser was sent to Afghanistan. Earlier last year, he married his childhood sweetheart and learned prior to his deployment that his wife was expecting. Sadly, he was killed early this year, January 29, when an arms depot exploded in Ghanzi, Afghanistan. He left behind a wife and a son.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague for seeking to honor the sacrifice of Specialist Kinser and urge swift adoption of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to our colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. OSE), the author of this bill.

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Tennessee for yielding me this time, and I thank the gentleman from Illinois for his kind remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4807, the Adam G. Kinser Post Office Act. Adam was a national hero, a loving son and brother, a dedicated student, an athlete, and a proud father to be. These are just a few phrases that can be used to describe him. Frankly, while no list of descriptions can ever do justice to understanding his bravery, the compassion of this young man who gave his life for his country at age 21 merits recognition.

Adam Gareth Kinser was born in 1983, and from the age of 5 was raised in Rio Vista, California the very southern portion of my district. He and his four younger siblings grew up there. Even as a child, Adam stood out in his community, not only to his family and friends but also to his peers, teachers and teammates. He was a hardworking student. Adam was even a teaching assistant in some of his high school classes, and a former teacher described him as, frankly, the best the United States has to offer.

His positive attitude, his willingness to help others, his kind heart made him a natural role model to his friends and classmates. He was a leader on the field. He was also an outstanding varsity athlete. He ran track, played basketball, and he started on the football team as quarterback for three seasons, so as a sophomore, junior and senior.

Adam's leadership and compassion extended beyond school and the athletic fields into his home, where he acted as a mentor and a protector to his younger siblings, one of whom recalls that Adam "was always protecting me, even when I didn't want it."

A true role model and leader in his community, Adam also wanted to serve and protect his country, even as such a young man. During his senior year in high school, he joined the Army Reserve and was attending boot camp at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, on September 11, 2001. Adam was called up for active duty in July of 2003 and served in Afghanistan with the Army Reserves' 304th Psychological Operations Company.

During Christmas 2003, Adam returned home for some well-earned R&R, where his wife, Tiffany, surprised him with the amazing gift of an ultrasound of their soon-to-be-born son. Adam was ecstatic to be a father, and after returning to fulfill his duty in Afghanistan, he literally was counting down the days until he would be reunited with his wife and new baby.

As my colleagues have said, a tragic turn of events prevented Adam from coming home. On January 29 of this year, Adam was among nine soldiers

doing his duty working on a weapons cache near Ghanzi, 60 miles southwest of Kabul. An explosion took place that took his life and that of eight others.

Adam's death sent the Rio Vista community into a period of mourning and a recognition of loss for the young man that many knew and loved. They had watched Adam with pride from the time he was 5 years old, growing up to become a strong athlete, an excellent student and a brave soldier. Adam was the first Rio Vista to give his life in wartime since the Korean War, and he will be missed by his newborn son and his family as well as by the whole community of Rio Vista.

Mr. Speaker, in order to ensure that the memory of this young man, this father, this brave soldier lives on, I am sponsoring this legislation to rename the post office in Adam's hometown in his name. It would be a great honor not only to his family but also to the Rio Vista community for this country to honor this true hero who valiantly gave back to his country that which is most precious, his life.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, there is really no adequate way that we can show appreciation to this young man for giving his life in service to this Nation, but certainly, this is a very appropriate way to recognize the contributions that Adam Kinser gave to this Nation, and I guess you could say, in a way, it is the least that we can do.

I know that all Members of this Congress, on both sides of the aisle, join me and the sponsor, the gentleman from California (Mr. OSE), in expressing our condolences and our appreciation and the thanks of a grateful Nation to the family of Adam G. Kinser, and I urge passage of this bill.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4807.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ROBERT J. OPINSKY POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 2415) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4141 Postmark Drive, Anchorage, Alaska, as the "Robert J. Opinsky Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 2415

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. ROBERT J. OPINSKY POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4141 Postmark Drive, in Anchorage, Alaska, shall be known and designated as the "Robert J. Opinsky Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Robert J. Opinsky Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on S. 2415, the Senate bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, S. 2415 honors a devoted Postal Service employee of more than four decades, Robert Opinsky. Bob Opinsky began his career with the Postal Service in 1956 as a \$1.50-an-hour temporary clerk. Through hard work and dedication, he was able to work up the ranks of the Postal Service and become the district manager of the Postal Service in Alaska. He retired in 1996.

Bob Opinsky was a terrific leader within the Postal Service community; therefore, I am pleased to support this post office designation in his honor, an exceedingly appropriate tribute to his postal career.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Senator from Alaska, Mr. STEVENS, for advancing this legislation. I support it, and I urge passage of the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 2415, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4141 Postmark Drive in Anchorage, Alaska, as the Robert J. Opinsky Post Office Building.

Mr. Opinsky was an outstanding, hardworking postal employee who worked his way up through the ranks. He was known as a man who delivered mail through rain, sleet or snow. It is fitting and proper that we designate this facility in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2415.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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